Texas Department of Insurance
Division of Workers' Compensation
Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48
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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name and Address

TEXAS HEALTH OF CLEBURNE
3255 WEST PIONEER PARKWAY
ARLINGTON TX 76013

Respondent Name

TASB RISK MANAGEMENT FUND

Carrier's Austin Representative Box

Box Number 47

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-11-3374-01

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "Per the applicable Texas fee schedule the correct allowable would be per the DRG 494. The allowable for this DRG per Medicare is $7,812.11, we have also attached the print out for your review from the Medicare pricer program. As the implants were carved out at first submission the correct allowable due is at 108% making the allowable $8,437.08, we also show the allowable due for the implants per the cost invoices submitted is an additional $8,487.60. Based on their payment of $15,230.18 there is an additional of $1,694.50, still due at this time."

Amount in Dispute: $1,694.50

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "TASBRMF originally reimbursed the above date of service at the 143% rate including implants at $11,171.23 per rule 134.404(f)(1)(A). In addition, we also incorrectly reimbursed the implants at $4,058.95. TASBRMF concedes that the original reimbursement of $15,230.18 was over paid incorrectly." "Reimbursement for the inpatient stay should have been paid at 108% per rule 134.404 (f)(1)(B) and the implants reimbursed at the manufacturer's invoice amount plus 10 percent of $1,000 per billed item add-on whichever is less, but not to exceed $2,000." "In closing, the provider is not entitled to any further reimbursement in this matter."

Response Submitted by: TASB Risk Management Fund, 12007 Research Blvd., Austin, Texas 78759-2439

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Dates of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
October 28, 2010 Through November 10, 2010	Inpatient Hospital Surgical Services	$1,694.50	$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving a medical fee dispute.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.404 sets out the guidelines for reimbursement of hospital facility fees for inpatient services.
3. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.404(e) states that: "Except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, regardless of billed amount, reimbursement shall be:
   (1) the amount for the service that is included in a specific fee schedule set in a contract that complies with the requirements of Labor Code §413.011; or
   (2) if no contracted fee schedule exists that complies with Labor Code §413.011, the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) amount under subsection (f) of this section, including any applicable outlier payment amounts and reimbursement for implantables."
   (3) If no contracted fee schedule exists that complies with Labor Code §413.011, and an amount cannot be determined by application of the formula to calculate the MAR as outlined in subsection (f) of this section, reimbursement shall be determined in accordance with §134.1 of this title (relating to Medical Reimbursement).
4. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.404(f) states that "The reimbursement calculation used for establishing the MAR shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the Federal Register. The following minimal modifications shall be applied.
   (1) The sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by:
      (A) 143 percent; unless
      (B) a facility or surgical implant provider requests separate reimbursement in accordance with subsection (g) of this section, in which case the facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by 108 percent."
5. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.404(g) states that "Implantables, when billed separately by the facility or a surgical implant provider in accordance with subsection (f)(1)(B) of this section, shall be reimbursed at the lesser of the manufacturer's invoice amount or the net amount (exclusive of rebates and discounts) plus 10 percent or $1,000 per billed item add-on, whichever is less, but not to exceed $2,000 in add-on's per admission."
6. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:

   Explanation of benefits dated December 29, 2010
   - W1 –Workers Compensation State Fee Schedule Adjustment

   Explanation of benefits dated May 13, 2011
   - W1 –Workers Compensation State Fee Schedule Adjustment
   - 193 – Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review it was determined that this claim was processed properly.
   - 193 – Original payment decision is being maintained. Upon review it was determined that this claim was processed properly. 5/13/11-No further payment is due at this time. Applies to all lines of service.

Issues

1. Can the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) amount for the disputed services be determined according to 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.404(f)?
2. Did the facility or a surgical implant provider request separate reimbursement for implantables in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.404(g)?
3. Is the requestor entitled to additional reimbursement for the disputed services?

Findings

1. Review of the submitted documentation finds that the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) amount for the disputed services can be determined according to 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.404(f).

2. Review of the submitted documentation finds that separate reimbursement for implantables was requested in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.404(g).
3. Reimbursement for the disputed services is calculated in accordance with 28 TAC §134.404(f)(1)(B) as follows:

   The Medicare facility-specific reimbursement amount including outlier payment amount for the disputed services (not including implantables) billed under DRG 494 is $7,812.11.

   This amount multiplied by 108% is $8,437.08.

   The total net invoice amount (exclusive of rebates and discounts) for the disputed implantables is $3,460.80.

   The total add-on amount of 10% or $1,000 per billed item add-on, whichever is less, but not to exceed $2,000 in add-on's per admission is $346.08.

   The total maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) is $12,243.19.

   This amount less the amount previously paid by the respondent of $15,230.18 leaves an amount due to the requestor of $0.00.

   The Division concludes that the requestor is entitled to $0.00 additional reimbursement.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is $0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to $0.00 additional reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature	Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer	October 12, 2011 Date

YOUR RIGHT TO REQUEST AN APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to request an appeal. A request for hearing must be in writing and it must be received by the DWC Chief Clerk of Proceedings within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. A request for hearing should be sent to: Chief Clerk of Proceedings, Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers Compensation, P.O. Box 17787, Austin, Texas, 78744. The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request for a hearing to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §148.3(c), including a **certificate of service demonstrating that the request has been sent to the other party**.

Si prefiere hablar con una persona en español acerca de ésta correspondencia, favor de llamar a 512-804-4812.